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1. CODEL CURTIS CONCLUDED A ONE-WEEK VISIT TO TAIWAN ON 14 JANUARY AND PROCEEDED TO HONG KONG, THE FINAL STOP ON ITS CURRENT TRIP TO EAST ASIA. IT IS THE POST'S IMPRESSION THAT THE ITINERARY WORKED OUT FOR THE VISIT MORE THAN MET THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE CODEL. BOTH SENATORS CURTIS AND HANSEN REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED THEIR PLEASURE WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT, AND PRAISED THE ECONOMIC PROGRESS OF THE ROC.

2. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS WITH THE AMBASSADOR, DCM, AND OTHER SENIOR MISSION OFFICIALS, THE CODEL HELD SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH A NUMBER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, TRADE AND AGRICULTURAL OFFICIALS IN TAIPEI, INCLUDING CALLS ON PRESIDENT C.K. YEN, PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO, FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN, ECONOMICS MINISTER SUN, JCRR CHAIRMAN DR. ROBERT LEE, AND CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR YU KUO-HUA. SENATOR AND MRS. CURTIS AND SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBERS STERN, PRITTS AND ROWNY ALSO VISITED TAICHUNG, KAOHSIUNG, HUALIEN AND HSINCHU TO INSPECT

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MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. GOVERNOR HSIEH TUNG-MIN RECEIVED THE PARTY IN TAICHUNG AND OTHER LOCAL OFFICIALS MET AND BRIEFED THEM AT EACH STOP ON THE ITINERARY.

3. SENATOR CURTIS MADE HELPFUL COMMENTS TO SELECTED OFFICIALS IN SUPPORT OF THE GROC'S PLANS TO INCREASE IMPORTS FROM THE U.S., NOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF STEPS

TO ACHIEVE GREATER BALANCE IN THE BILATERAL TRADE ACCOUNT. AT OUR REQUEST, SENATOR CURTIS ALSO SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED TO PRESIDENT YEN THAT FAVORABLE GROC ACTION ON THE PENDING SALE OF GREYHOUND BUSES TO THE TAIWAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

4. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE END OF THE VISIT, SENATOR CURTIS FIELDDED A VARIETY OF QUESTIONS ABOUT TRADE AND OTHER MATTERS, NOTABLY ON TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE DEGREE OF PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT IN THE U.S. INTERESTINGLY, MEMBERS OF THE PRESS DIDN'T ASK A SINGLE QUESTION ABOUT NORMALIZATION.  
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